

**Table 5.11: Life Events in the Past Twelve Months (Percent)<sup>1,2</sup>**

Event	Total (N=1002)	Age Group			Disability Level		
		65-74 (N=388)	75-84 (N=311)	85+ (N=303)	Moderate <sup>3</sup> (N=343)	ADL Difficulty	
						Receives No Help (N=478)	Receives Help (N=181)
Were you widowed . . . ? <sup>4</sup> Yes	2.6	3.0	2.9	0.8	2.3	3.1	2.0
Has your husband been seriously ill or had a serious accident . . . ? <sup>4</sup> Yes	7.0	9.3	6.2	2.3	7.9	6.2	7.2
Have you lost (a/any other) close relative or very close friend through death . . . ? <sup>4</sup> Yes	46.6	44.9	48.7	46.2	48.7	44.8	47.3
Have you been separated from a child, close friend or relative whom you depend on for help . . . ? <sup>4</sup> Yes	7.4	7.4	7.1	7.8	5.5	7.3	11.2
Did you lose a pet . . . ? <sup>4</sup> Yes	6.6	8.7	5.4	3.4	5.2	6.9	8.7
Have you had to give up a hobby or activity that is important to you . . . ? <sup>4</sup> Yes	19.1	17.4	19.5	23.3	14.6	21.4	22.2
Did anything (else) happen to you, either good or bad . . . that was very important to you? <sup>4</sup> Yes	19.7	23.3	17.4	15.5	17.3	20.9	21.4
Number of items with "Yes" response <sup>5</sup>							
0	30.7	28.7	31.9	33.4	33.6	28.4	31.2
1	39.7	39.6	39.0	42.3	38.3	42.2	35.8
2 or more	29.5	31.7	29.1	24.3	28.1	29.3	33.1

(Women's Health and Aging Study, baseline interview, 1992-1995)

<sup>1</sup> All variables have less than 1% missing data. Results are based on non-missing data.

<sup>2</sup> Descriptive statistics are based on weighted data.

<sup>3</sup> No ADL difficulty; disabled in two or more domains (see Chapter 1).

<sup>4</sup> The phrase "(with)in the past 12 months" is included in the question.

<sup>5</sup> Categories may not add up to 100% due to rounding.